

Dear Chairman Powell and each FCC Member:

I understand that the FCC is considering preventing XM Radio or other entities that provide such service from providing Local Weather and Local Traffic forecasts, as well as other locally oriented programming. I wish you would not do this. At first I thought I must have heard wrong. Perhaps you were going to require everyone using the free airwaves of the public to provide such services. But no, I have read about the issue. And apparently you are actually considering preventing some providers from providing these excellent services.

The action you are considering is not beneficial to consumers. If you do prevent XM Radio from providing the service, please at least require that Rupert Murdoch, whose empire you do not appear to be similarly restricting, provides identical service. To not let other compete with him -- when he declines to provide sufficient service -- does not seem entirely fair.

Thank you,

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